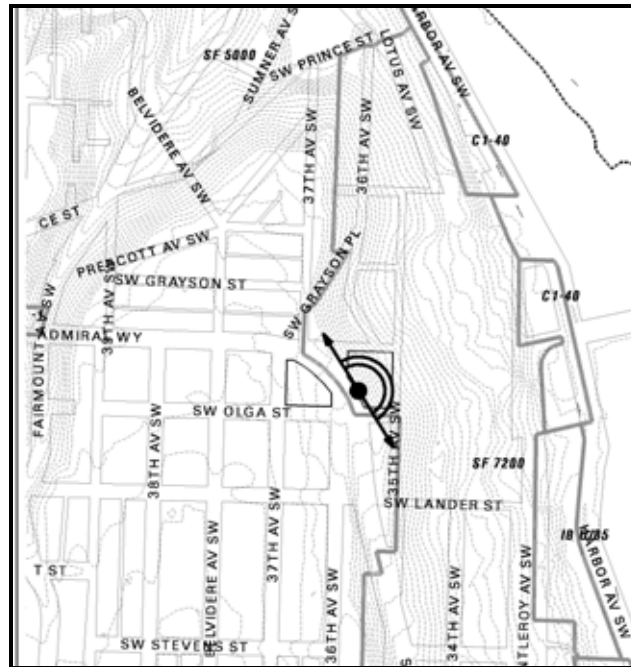


## Belvedere (Admiral) Viewpoint

SW Admiral Way and SW Olga



## LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The viewpoint is located on Admiral Way in the Admiral neighborhood of West Seattle. The park offers panoramic views of the downtown skyline, Puget Sound and the Cascade mountains, and currently 90% of the intended views are present. Private property is located to the north and east (toward the base of the slope)

## SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Himalayan Blackberry dominates the hillside with Clematis rambling over the brambles. Big Leaf Maples, Douglas Firs and Red alders are growing in the lower portions of the site. There are signs of previous slope failure at the top of the slope along the viewpoint railing. The hillside slope is 50% or greater in most locations. Access is limited.

## MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

#### A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

### Category 2 – Pruning and Invasive Weed Removal

Procedures:

1. Thin tree stands and prune dense crowns using ANSI 300 standards
2. Remove invasive weeds at the top of the slope
3. Erosion control mats may be necessary
4. Plant 2-3 rows of low hedges along Transition Zone 2
5. Mulch eroded areas and new plantings
6. Establishment watering

## B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Three year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- physical and chemical removal of weeds in Zone 2
- Crown management of Big Leaf Maples

- Managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- Control of adjacent vegetation
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

View management locations:  
Zone 2 - Transition area at the crest of the slope  
Zone 3 – Hillside (limited access)

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### Priority 2

Implementing a tree pruning and weed removal prescription on the hillside is rated a secondary priority since 90% of the intended views currently exist.

### Phasing

- Phase 1 - Remove trees and prune
- Phase 2 - Eradicate invasive weeds  
Cover slopes with erosion control mat  
Plant layered vegetation  
Provide temporary irrigation
- Phase 3 - Plant Zone 2 transition hedges at top of slope

### Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers: | -physical/chemical removal of weeds at top of slope in preparation for planting |
| UF staff:                          | -prune and remove trees   |
| Contractor or UF staff:            | -apply erosion control mats,  |
| Contractor, UF staff:              | -planting hedges and mulching   |
| Park Maintenance staff:            | -prune shrubs and small trees, control adjacent vegetation                      |

## Belvedere (Admiral) Viewpoint

Panoramic view of downtown Seattle



Hillside vegetation  
obscuring view of  
Harbor Island

Transition planting needed at crest  
of slope







## Belvedere Park Viewpoint

### LEGEND

#### LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

1:900

50 0 50 Feet



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